

**ALICE'S WONDERLAND BAKERY**

EPISODE/PRODUCTION #: TBD

"Pass the Crown"

Outline

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**ACT ONE**

**BEAT A:** CARD GUARDS shuffle around the PALACE COURTYARD, setting up tables and chairs as ALICE (in TEA PARTY DRESS), FERGIE and HATTIE arrive and are greeted by a royally flushed ROSA (in PARTY DRESS). Alice: "Has she decided yet?" Rosa shakes her head. The Royal Wonderland Banquet is tonight and the Queen still hasn't decided on the menu!

In the THRONE ROOM, the QUEEN OF HEARTS paces thoughtfully as Card Guard DAVID OF SPADES follows nervously behind, ready to take notes on a piece of parchment. Queen: "David, what is the Wonderweather forecast today?" David: "It's a little chilly, your majesty." In that case, the Queen thinks a nice warm soup may be in order. She asks what veggies are in season and what kind of mood everyone seems to be in. David says everyone's abuzz about the banquet! Abuzz? Perhaps a dish with honey.

The kids enter and Alice politely asks her majesty if she's decided what she wants to serve at the royal banquet. (Alice will be helping to make the meal.) The Queen good-naturedly says such an important decision can't be rushed. Wonderlanders from far and wide will be in attendance. Queen: "And, as ruler, it is my royal duty to do what's best for Wonderland."

**BEAT B:** Fergie looks at his watch and thumps his foot anxiously. David bumps into the Queen as she stops short and announces, "I've decided! For the first course..." The kids lean in expectantly...as JABBIE bounds in and leaps into the Queen's arms.

The Queen's crown goes flying off of her head toward David. He closes his eyes and holds out his hands to catch it but, to everyone's surprise, the crown lands gently atop his head.

Rosa calls out, "Oh my heart!" Then without missing a beat: "All hail King David of Spades!" Alice is confused, what in Wonderland is going on? Rosa produces a dusty scroll, "There's an old royal rule that says whomever wears the crown shall be the leader of Wonderland." David is taken aback, "Me? Leader of the pack?!" Hattie asks the Queen if she's going to ask for her crown back but instead the Queen bows to the new king. After all, she's nothing if not loyal to a royal rule.

**BEAT C:** Alice turns to David, "Then I guess it's up to you to decide the menu for the banquet." David tosses aside the parchment and quill, "Banquet shmanquet!" His first

priority as ruler is to replace the red roses with *his* favorite flowers – daisies! “Everyone, follow me!” Slightly bewildered, but equally as curious, Alice and her friends excitedly get in line behind David.

**BEAT D:** David picks up a spade and heads for the nearest rosebush. He tries to dig it up but his spade gets stuck in the dirt. David topples over, sending the crown flying. David watches in horror, “Nooo! The monarchy was mine! I can’t believe I folded!”

They all look on as the crown lands on Jabbie! Fergie wonders if a pet can be the leader. Rosa: “There’s no royal rule against it.” All hail King Jabbie!

**BEAT E:** Alice approaches, “Um, your jabberwockiness, what would you like to serve for the royal banquet—” Jabbie playfully rears up on his hind legs then goes into his favorite puppy tricks. He gestures for everyone to sit. They do. He indicates for them to roll over. They do. He does a joyful flip and...

The crown falls off of his head and lands on a passing DRUM FROG who hops away into the bushes. Fergie starts, “All hail Queen Drum Frog — wait, where’d she go?” Meanwhile, the Queen cuddles with Jabbie: “Who was such a good ruler? You were! Yes, you were.” With all of Wonderland swept up in the fun of this “Follow the Leader” style of silliness, Alice and her pals merrily run after the drum frog, eager to see where the crown will land next!

## **ACT TWO**

**BEAT A:** Alice launches into an **ORIGINAL SONG: “FOLLOW THE LEADER”** about following the new leader here, there and everywhere. The kids joyfully chase whoever or whatever is wearing the crown as it passes to different people and creatures around Wonderland.

**BEAT B:** As the **SONG ENDS**, the crown lands in a bubble and floats away. The kids track it to the HABERDASHERY. Inside, they ask the MARCH HARE if he’s seen the crown. He pulls back a curtain revealing a wall of tiaras. He’s seen a lot of crowns! Alice: “Actually we’re looking for the *royal* crown.” As Harry says he hasn’t seen it, the bubble with the crown floats over his head and <POPS>. The kids chant, “All hail King—” Harry interrupts, “Just a sec.” He takes off the crown, puts on a Marie Antionette-style wig then puts the crown back on his head. Harry: “Much better. You were saying?” “All hail King Harry!”

Rosa gives Harry her mom’s advice about doing what’s best for Wonderland. And speaking of Wonderland, Alice tells Harry it’s now up to him to decide the menu for the Royal Banquet. Alice is relieved as Harry seems to consider the matter. Harry: “I know! We’ll make...a...proclamation!” Hattie: “Does that go with ponzu sauce?” Harry: “Everyone may now wear polka dots and stripes and squiggles after the first of March!”

Fergie asks how that's best for Wonderland? Harry: "As ruler, the people will look up to me. And I look fabulous in polka dots and stripes and squiggles. I'll show you!" Harry goes to change.

**BEAT C:** Alice is starting to worry; they're running out of time to make the food for the banquet. Harry re-enters ready to decide on the food when he catches a glimpse of himself in the mirror and decides the crown is all wrong for his new outfit. Before anyone can stop him, he flings the crown out the window!

**BEAT D:** Outside, the kids find the crown hovering in mid-air?! CHESHIRE CAT materializes. "All hail King Cheshire!" Alice: "Cheshire, thank goodness. You have to pick the menu for tonight's royal banquet!" Cheshire: "At the palace? Fergie, pack my grin 'cause I'm movin' in!" Before Rosa can finish stressing the importance of Cheshire's royal duty, Cheshire disappears.

**BEAT E:** The winded kids arrive back at the palace where Cheshire is trying to decide what his first act as ruler will be. Alice suggests setting the banquet menu but that's not Cheshire-y enough for Cheshire. Cheshire: "I know! We'll have an Off With Your Head Day! Everyone can take their heads off and play catch with them." Cheshire twirls his head upside down and the crown falls off. A PENCIL BIRD swoops in and flies off with it. Hattie: "That's happening an awful lot today." Fergie's watch <BRRINGS> - it's time for the banquet!

### **ACT THREE**

**BEAT A:** Now there's no time, no menu and no ruler to host the banquet! Wonderlanders are lined up outside the palace. Rosa says they'd better tell her Mama that the banquet is off.

They find the Queen in the DINING ROOM folding napkins into intricate origami shapes. With all her free time she mastered origami *and* climbed Tulgey Peak – the north slope, the south slope *and* the slippery slope. And boy is she famished!

**BEAT B:** Rosa gently explains to her mom that the banquet is off. No one picked the menu. Queen: "Whatever do you mean? The most important job of a good leader is to do what's best for Wonderland. And today, doing what's best means choosing the royal meal!" Who is the ruler anyway?

The pencil bird flies in and drops the crown in the middle of the table. All the former monarchs (who are there for the banquet) take a step back from it, not wanting to be responsible for this dinner disaster.

Alice looks around at the day's monarchs – she's got an idea for how to fix things. She picks up the crown and puts it on. Everyone breathes a sigh of relief, "All hail Queen

Alice." She'll know what to do! Alice: "As your Queen, I'm not giving up on our Royal Banquet. Where there's a whisk, there's a way." To the kitchen!

**BEAT C:** In the PALACE KITCHEN, Alice holds the parchment and quill. Fergie says he knew Alice would fix it - so what's on the menu? "Oh, I'm not going to decide," says Alice. She puts the crown back on David, "King David – let's start with the first course." Since it's a little chilly today, David picks a warm Chinese watercress soup. David passes the crown to Jabbe who just looks at everyone, wagging his tail. Rosa picks a Tum Tum Fruit Salad on his behalf then passes the crown to Harry. Carrots are in season so Harry picks Carrot Hot Dogs. Fergie and Hattie's jaws drop – that's a combo of their favorite foods! "Long live King Harry!" Harry passes the crown to Cheshire who picks the dessert - King Cake and Queen Cake of course!

**BEAT D:** In the dining room, the banquet is laid out and everyone is gathered around the table. The Queen is delighted, this is the best Royal Banquet spread she's seen in wonderyears! She notices no one is wearing the crown. Alice explains that they all pitched in to choose the dinner. But as for the ruler...

She presents a covered tray to the Queen. Alice lifts the lid revealing the crown. Alice: "Your majesty, like a good leader you always do what's best for Wonderland. We'd be honored if you would put this crown onto your head and rule once again." Happy whoops and cheers erupt all around.

The Queen bows her head as Rosa inaugurates her. Queen: "For my first royal order, for the good of all of Wonderland – dig in!" The Wonderlanders happily tuck into the banquet as we... **FADE OUT.**